

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Sir, the team constituted by Department of agriculture & Co-operation mentioned in its report that "the centre at palode could be raised to the status of a National Research Centre for oil Palm".

(b) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research set up a Committee for selection of a suitable site for establishment of National Research Centre for oil Palm in any of the States having maximum potential area for oil Palm.

Renewal of NRI passports

4846. SHRI G. MADE GOWDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to link the renewal of No-resident Indian passports with their investment in India, a certain percentage of their annual earnings; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Security Personnel killed in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir

4847. SHRI PHOOLCHAND VERMA:
SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of security personnel

belonging to the Indian Police Service (IPS), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Border Security force (BSF) and other Central agencies killed in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir during 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1992 so far;

(b) the number of family members of those killed who have been provided Government service;

(c) the details of facilities provided to the dependents of those killed; and

(d) the steps being taken for the safety of the security personnel deployed in those States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Visit of Asia Watch Team

4848. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a foreign body Asia Watch sent its team to Jammu and Kashmir without informing the Ministry of External Affairs, the Ministry of Home Affairs or the Government of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted to find out the circumstances under which the team could visit Jammu and Kashmir and record statements of people against the country;

(c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and